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John Conan Doyle

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As provided by 37 CFR 1.97(b), this information disclosure statement is believed to be timely filed for consideration by the Office because it has been filed by the applicant:

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- ☐ (2) Within three months of the date of entry of the national stage as set forth in § 1.491 in an inter-national application;
- ☒ (3) Before the mailing of a first Office action on the merits; or
- ☐ (4) Before the mailing of a first Office action after the filing of a request for continued examination under § 1.114.

If for some reason a first Office Action has issued on the above application, the undersigned representative requests that this Information Disclosure Statement be accepted under 37 CFR 1.97(c)(2), and the undersigned authorizes the charging of the fee due as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(p) to Deposit Account 01-2508/13544.0002.NPUS00. The undersigned representative requests any extension of time that may be deemed necessary to further the prosecution of this application. The undersigned representative authorizes the Commissioner to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or 1.17 that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 01-2508/13544.0002.NPUS00.

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In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.98 (a)(1), this information disclosure statement filed under 37 CFR § 1.97 includes (1) a list of all patents, publications, or other information submitted for consideration by the Office on the accompanying PTO-FORM 1449.

Copies of the listed documents are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner. In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.98 (a)(2), legible copies of: (i) each U.S. patent application and U.S. and foreign patent; (ii) each publication or that portion which caused it to be listed; and (iii) for each cited pending U.S. application, the application specification including the claims, and any drawing of the application, or that portion of the application which caused it to be listed including any claims directed to that portion; and (iv) all other information or that portion which caused it to be listed.

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☒ (i) a concise explanation of the relevance, as it is presently understood by the individual designated in 37 CFR § 1.56(c) most knowledgeable about the content of the information, of each patent, publication, or other information listed that is not in the English language. The concise explanation may be either separate from the specification or incorporated therein;

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A translation in English of JP 10-206549 is not available to the Applicant at this time, and only a copy of the original document is being filed with an English translation of the Abstract. However, Applicants will gladly provide a full translation of this references should the Examiner deem it to be necessary. JP 10-206549 is relevant because it discloses a device for measuring the stature of a subject (8) by an ultrasonic sensor (100). *See* English Abstract and Figure 1.

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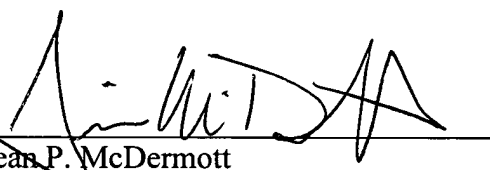
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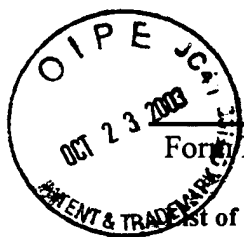
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	A2	US- 4288856	09-08-1981	Liseth	364	567	
	A3	US- 4617876	10-21-1986	Hayes	119	155	
	A4	US- 4733971	03-29-1988	Pratt	366	141	
	A5	US- 4745472	05-17-1988	Hayes	356	107	
	A6	US- 4815042	03-21-1989	Pratt	366	141	
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	A8	US- 5315505	05-24-1994	Pratt et al.	364	413.01	
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	B1	AU 744213	01-10-2000	John C Doyle	G01N	033/12	N/A
	B2	CA 2335845	12-21-2000	John C Doyle	G01N	33/12	N/A
	B3	CA 2216309	11-12-1997	Andre Davignon	A61B	5/107	N/A
	B4	WO 9967631	12-29-1999	John Doyle	G01N	33/12	N/A
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	C1	F.J.C. SWANEPOEL and H. HEYNS, The Influence of Shoulder Height and Body Length on Performance of Simmentaler Bulls, South African Journal of Animal Science undated, Vol. 16, pages 31-35.
	C2	D. G. FOX, Using Computer Models in Extension to Develop More Profitable Feeding Systems, Department of Animal Science, Cornell University, obtained from http://www.inform.umd.edu/EdRes/Topic/AgrEnv/n... , 2/03, pgs. 1-14.

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